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Q: What is the primary goal of the VERTICAL project?

A: To develop a PC-based design and test tool for VTOL/rotorcraft ship Visual Landing Aids (VLAs), enabling designers and testers to simulate shipboard approaches under various conditions and easily adjust VLA components and lighting.

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Q: How does VERTICAL leverage existing software to achieve cost and time efficiency?

A: It utilizes Microsoft Flight Simulator 2004 as its visualization engine, taking advantage of its detailed 3D graphics, accurate physics, and readily available aircraft models, thus reducing development time and cost compared to building a custom tool.

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Q: What are the key components of the VERTICAL prototype's architecture?

A: The key modules are Visualization (MS Flight Simulator), VLA Modification (Java GUI), VLA Flight Setup & Evaluation (using MS FS features), Movement Tracking (compatible with MS FS tracking units), and External System Interfaces (ESIs like FSUIPC for inter-module communication).

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Q: How does the VLA Modification module enhance the design process?

A: It provides a Java Swing GUI enabling real-time, interactive customization of individual lights on the LHD ship model, including state (on/off), color, and intensity, with immediate visual feedback in the flight simulation.

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Q: What advantages does using a PC platform offer for the VERTICAL tool?

A: Increased accessibility for test team members, potential for use on personal computers, and easy transportability, especially with laptops, facilitating use at training locations and Dynamic Interface trials.

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Q: How does VERTICAL address the need for realistic ship motion in VLA design?

A: While the prototype doesn't yet include ship motion, the developers acknowledge its importance and plan to incorporate pitch, roll, and forward motion capabilities, recognizing the impact of ship movement on VLA configuration.

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Q: What features of MS Flight Simulator contribute to the evaluation of VLA designs in VERTICAL?

A: Features like 'Instant Replay' and 'Flight Video' allow recording and review of simulated approaches from different perspectives and speeds, aiding in the analysis of VLA effectiveness under various conditions.

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Q: How does VERTICAL facilitate a virtual reality experience for users?

A: By integrating with movement tracking units compatible with MS Flight Simulator, and supporting head-mounted displays, VERTICAL can create an immersive VR environment for enhanced testing and evaluation.

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Q: What level of detail is achieved in the LHD ship model within VERTICAL?

A: The model is dimensionally accurate and richly detailed, featuring a large number of dynamically modifiable VLA lights, providing a realistic representation of the final product and minimizing simulator-induced error.

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Q: What is the role of FSUIPC in the VERTICAL system?

A: FSUIPC serves as an External System Interface (ESI), enabling communication between the Visualization module (MS Flight Simulator), the Core (Integration) module, and the VLA Modification module, allowing for dynamic control of the ship's lights.